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Useful in the Detection and
Differentiation of Antibodies
to HIV

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the
Office Action mailed on May 31, 2002 in connection with the
above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Amended). An isolated HIV-1 Group O env
polypeptide having at least 80% identity with an amino acid
sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:61).

2. (Amended). An isolated HIV-1 Group O env
polypeptide having an immunoreactive portion of a
polypeptide according to claim 1.

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
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- iv. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled NOVEL ANTIGEN CONSTRUCTS USEFUL IN THE DETECTION AND DIFFERENTIATION OF ANTIBODIES TO HIV are the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 Pages) in duplicate
2. Amendment (7 Pages)
3. Declaration of John R. Hackett, Jr. (4 Pages)
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